# Technology Evaluation for Environmental Risk Mitigation Principal Center



# **UV Cure Coatings**

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# Background

Temperature sensitive substrates such as aluminum and magnesium are used in the manufacture and sustainment of aerospace systems and ground support equipment.

# Objective

To demonstrate/validate VOC/HAP free UV Curable coatings to replace solvent-borne organic coatings and the use of robotics in curing process.

# Period of Performance

March 2008 to March 2012

# Stakeholders

Air Force (Project Lead: Air Force Research Lab), Navy, Coast Guard, and NASA monitoring

#### Benefits

- Elimination of Volatile Organics Compounds (VOCs)
- Elimination of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)
- Reduction/elimination of hazardous waste
- Improved process efficiencies (shorter cycle time, reduced energy consumption)
- Improved transfer efficiencies

# **Document Status**

• Joint Test Protocol - Complete

# Recent Progress

Ordered powder and substrates – January 2009

# **Milestones**

- Completed joint test protocol September 2008
- Acquired robot October 2008
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#### Near-Term Goals

- Begin validation testing
- Draft Demonstration Plan

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